

OLBERG'S DOUBLE IN COURT

Russell's Hearing on the Charge of Forgery Postponed Till To-morrow.

MRS. OLBERG THEN TO TESTIFY

She Is Expected to Throw Light on the Very Mysterious Case—Where Did the Money Go?—Some Time Ago She Wanted to Apply for a Divorce from Her Husband.

As each new development in the forgery case of John G. Oberg, of the Indian Bureau, against his double, Alexander A. Russell, a special pension examiner, unfolded the story grew in interest and mystery.

The most important question that so on

of \$300, of which Mr. Olberg declares he was deprived, and Mrs. Olberg cannot be reached there is no reply. Commissioner of Pension Lochter yesterday stated that neither Mrs. Olberg nor Russell would be suspended or be charged until the outcome of the trial shall be known.

Mr. Olberg earns \$300 in the Indian Office and Mrs. Olberg is fortunate enough to draw \$300 in the Pension Bureau. The added income of the two would be usually sufficient to maintain a family including three children, but it is said that Mrs. Olberg is not a good mother.

the section in which Russell and Mrs. Olberg were employed, was a creditor of the woman, as it stated, as well as several others. Notwithstanding all this, Mrs. Olberg has dressed only well enough to barely suit her station in life, and besides mortgaged her furniture.

WONDERED WHERE HER MONEY WENT.

The trusting husband never interfered with his wife's finances, although wondering when

The wife, therefore, under the District law, should have the power to dispose of the land without the consent of her husband. On account of this fact Mr. Oberg cannot claim the property, although he can prosecute Russell on the charge of forging his signature.

In the letter which Mrs. Oberg wrote to Commissioner of Penitence Lockier confessing the crime that had been committed against her husband she indicated a man named C.

He says Mr. Olberg's name was forged, the rest of the wife in living, his name, but also, rather apparent. This document will form one of the most important features of the prosecution.

Among those who know the parties in the case there is not one who has a positive opinion as to where the money went. Some of Mrs. Olberg's acquaintances claim that she has been pecked at by a man who has been in the city for some time.

It is known to a number of her friends that Mrs. Oberg wanted a divorce some time ago and consulted Campbell Carrington for the purpose. Widespread surprise resulted when this became known among their friends, and Mrs. Oberg was induced to reconsider her action. Just what the grounds were upon which she wanted the divorce are not known, but this fact is taken.

SAW THE GULF BETWEEN THEM.

"I always felt that some one had stepped between us," said Mr. Oberg to a reporter yesterday when touching upon the question of the divorce. "Grief was caused me thereby, but I always tried to comfort my wife." So badly do

"How do you explain your wife's part in this matter?" he was asked.

"Ah! well, perhaps she was a bit flighty," he briefly replied, at the same time lightly tapping his head with a finger. Further than this he would not talk.

There is a strange coincidence in the fact that the lawyer for Mrs. Russell in defense of the divorce suit brought by the dashing major is a

Major Russell, said last night that the supporters of his client with the case was simply the result of a conspiracy. Another phase of Russell's life has been brought to light. When he came here from Missouri he had a wife living in the Western State. But he became acquainted with a Mrs. Decca Harvey who was anticipating a divorce, and the soon resolved to seek a closer union. Then the wife in the far away home died and it is his

about the first of the year, at the time when the assertion is made that Mrs. Oberg and R.

Then Mayor Russell brought suit for divorce claiming that his wife, who, by the way, tips the scales at less than a hundred pounds and is correspondingly delicate, had stiffened his neck to a blow from her fist. He doesn't weigh less than 200 pounds, but still the bill of complaint which he filed alleges cruelty and also drunkenness. Last month these accusations were denied and the court ordered the payment of alimony.

says that she is a bad woman. Mrs. Reese could not be found yesterday in the city, and was stated that recently she went to Philadelphia.

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FOR CATHOLIC UNITY.

Pope Leo's Efforts to Bring the Eastern Churches Back to Rome.

The subject of these conferences is to facilitate the return of the Eastern dissident churches to the communion of Rome and the attainment

Ryan Held for the Grand Jury.
Jax Ryan, charged with setting fire to the hayricks and barn at the Soldiers' Home, appeared in the police court yesterday. Police man Matthews, who arrested the man, Sam Smith, who claims to have seen Ryan running

Recalcitrant Witnesses Cases.
By agreement of counsel the case of the United States against Chapman and McWhittine the brokers who refused to testify in the Senate committee's investigation of sugar trust purchasers, will be taken up on October 12, instead of October 10.

